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Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on August 27, 2001, serial number 09/940,083. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits in the above-captioned case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph starting on page 9, lines 7 and 8.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 9, line 5 with the following replacement paragraph.

Fig. 21 illustrates a Read Secure Metadata protocol according to an embodiment of the present invention.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), the attachment entitled "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**" contains a marked up version of the replacement paragraph illustrating the newly introduced change in the specification.



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